

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re Application of:                                | : |                              |
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| Inge Østergaard                                      | : | Attorney Docket : 19387.0099 |
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| Application No.: --                                  | : | Art Unit: --                 |
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| Filed: December 23, 2003                             | : | Examiner: --                 |
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| For: A SUBSEA SYSTEM FOR SEPARATING MULTIPHASE FLUID |   |                              |

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: